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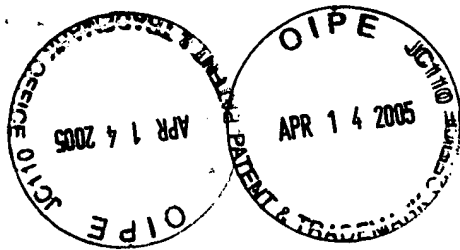
In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated January 14, 2005, Applicants submit herewith the Part B – Fees Transmittal Form, PTOL-85, Comments on Statement for Reasons of Allowance, a check in the amount of \$1700.00 in payment of the issue fee and publication fee; and return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500675, Order No. 057517-0043.

Respectfully submitted,
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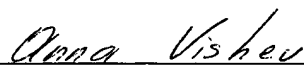
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Applicants submit that the invention set forth in each of the claims is patentable for reasons set forth in the specification of the present application as well as for all of the reasons set forth in the remarks submitted during prosecution of this Application.

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